

KEXBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd November 2017 in Upton cum Kexby village hall

Present; Ron Gore (Chair), Clare Cuckson, Lee Hoggarth, Sue Farrow, David Forest, David Edwardson.

07/17/18 **Apologies** had been received from Peter Bishop

08/17/18 **Minutes of the meeting held on 7th September** were agreed and signed as a true record.

09/17/18 **Matters arising**

A) Cottage hedging

Several parties had been invited to inspect the hedge and willow tree and to tender for the work but only one person had submitted a tender for the hedge work and one for the tree work. Matthew Thompson services had tendered for the hedge work. This involved the removal of approximately 30 metres of hedge that had been smothered out by ivy and reducing the height of the remainder. After some discussion it was decided that the removal work should go ahead but not the height reduction. It was also agreed that the contractor should erect a temporary fence to maintain the boundary and should be asked to include re-planting of similar species in his quote. The clerk would contact him to arrange this.

Action GP

The discussion then moved to the condition of the remainder of the boundary hedging at which point CC declared an interest and withdrew from the discussion. It was agreed that some of the hedging was encroaching on neighbouring property and the tenant should be asked to maintain this stretch. Clerk to contact tenant.

Action GP

A quote of £385 had been received from David Otter to pollard the willow tree and remove all of the brash. It was agreed that this was acceptable and the clerk would contact the contractor to accept the quote and to ascertain the timing of the work so that he could notify the tenant.

Action GP

The state of the brick shed (former pigsty) was raised, it was in a dangerous condition and the council, as landlord, would be liable should anyone suffer injury as a result of its condition. It was agreed that it would need to be demolished as repair was not deemed to be cost-effective. The Council would provide a small replacement shed so that the tenant was not disadvantaged. The clerk would contact the tenant to explain the situation and to agree a timescale for the existing shed to be emptied.

Action GP

B) Phone box

There had not been much progress on this since the last meeting, the Chairman had intended speaking to the village hall committee to get their views on the possibility of moving it to the village hall site which would make it more accessible. This meeting had yet to take place and the chairman agreed to pursue it.

Action RG

The auditors had criticised the council over the level of funds held in reserve so it was felt that it would be very beneficial to resolve the issue of the telephone box in the current financial year. The fact that it was unsightly in its present condition added to the urgency of this matter.

C) Westgate planning application

Following the village meeting held on the 10th October a summary of the discussion had been sent to WLDC and these would be placed on the village website (www.kexbyparishcouncil.co.uk). RG agreed to forward them to Bubble Design who would update the website.

Action RG

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Several village residents had also contacted the council direct during the consultation process. The Chairman had spoken to Richard Green at WLDC who was leading on this issue, his view was that as the land was a "green wedge" the normal limit to developments would be 4 dwellings. It would usually also require a majority of the local residents to be in favour. However, the submission will follow the usual planning application procedure and we would have to await the outcome of this.

D) Village Hall meeting 21st September - This relates to item B) above

E) Playing Field

The clerk had been in touch with Paul Mann from the playing field committee, he confirmed that new chippings had been laid in the children's play area, that it had been inspected by Rospa and had passed inspection.

F) Burial ground

The clerk had contacted Stella Curtis of the burial ground committee regarding maintenance requirements. The committee was aware of the need and asked if Kexby Parish Council would be prepared to make a contribution. Unfortunately the accounts which they supplied to show the annual maintenance costs were for 2013/14. The clerk would ask for a recent copy of accounts and the matter was deferred to the next meeting.

Action GP

10/17/18 Change of clerk

Pam Simpson, having resigned as clerk, was attending her last meeting and was being replaced by Geoff Payne. The committee thanked Pam most sincerely for her sterling work over 16 years and made a small presentation.

The bank details would have to be changed, although the clerk was not a signatory they did require authorisation to receive bank statements and to deal with the bank on behalf of the council. Forms had been prepared and were signed by those present, GP would procure the final signature and take the forms to the bank to arrange the change.

Action GP

11/17/18 Any other business

A) Cottage landlord check

This was overdue as it should be an annual event to act as reassurance to the landlord and to give the tenant an opportunity to raise any issues of concern. It was agreed that the chairman plus one committee member should carry out this work and the chairman agreed to arrange this.

Action RG

B) Blocked drains Glentworth Road

WLDC had confirmed that there may be a blockage and that work had been "pencilled in" for January 2018 (to allow for consultation on road closure, etc.). It was agreed that the chairman should contact WLDC in December to ascertain whether this timescale was still likely and to keep the matter current.

Action RG

C) Precept

An estimate of the precept required for 2018/19 had to be submitted by 28th November, after some discussion it was agreed that this should remain the same as in previous years. The sum would have to be confirmed at the next Parish Council meeting and confirmation made to WLDC by 19th January. The clerk would complete and return the estimate form.

Action GP

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:00pm

Date of next meeting Thursday 4th January 2018 at 7:30 in the village hall

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